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# Media Release



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## **MISSING ENDANGERED ADULT 200 BLOCK OF EAST 23<sup>RD</sup> STREET \*\*\*UPDATE – July 28, 2011\*\*\***

At approximately 8:45 p.m. on July 27, 2011, a passerby called 911 to report that a male matching the description of Abelardo Ruiz was sitting under a tree near East Pima Street and North Swan Road. The caller indicated that they recognized Ruiz from media coverage they had seen.

Officers from Operations Division Midtown responded and located Ruiz, who was disoriented and possibly suffering from the effects of being outside for an extended period. He was transported to a local hospital as a precautionary measure for triage and observation. He did not appear to have suffered any trauma.

**Sgt. Matt Ronstadt – July 28, 2011**

The Tucson Police Department is seeking public assistance in locating a missing elderly adult. **81-year old Abelardo Ruiz** was last seen by a family member at approximately 12:30 a.m. on Wednesday July 27, 2011 as he walked away from his residence in the 200 block of East 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. Ruiz suffers from Alzheimer's, but is otherwise physically healthy.

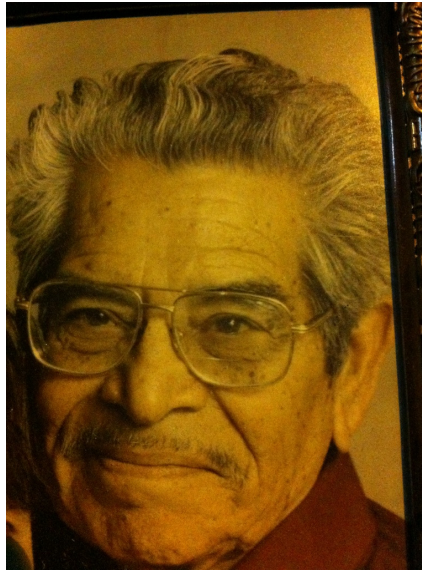
Ruiz is described as being **5'5" tall and approximately 125 pounds, with grey hair and brown eyes.** He was last seen wearing a **red and multi-colored flannel shirt, jeans, brown slip-on shoes, and wire-rimmed eyeglasses.** He has a tattoo of "**Rosa**" on his upper right arm.

The below image is approximately 10 years old. Ruiz is described as being thinner than he appears in the photo.

The Tucson Police Department urges anyone with information about Mr. Ruiz's whereabouts to contact **911** or **88-CRIME**.

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